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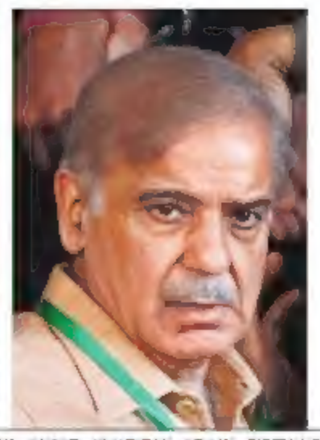
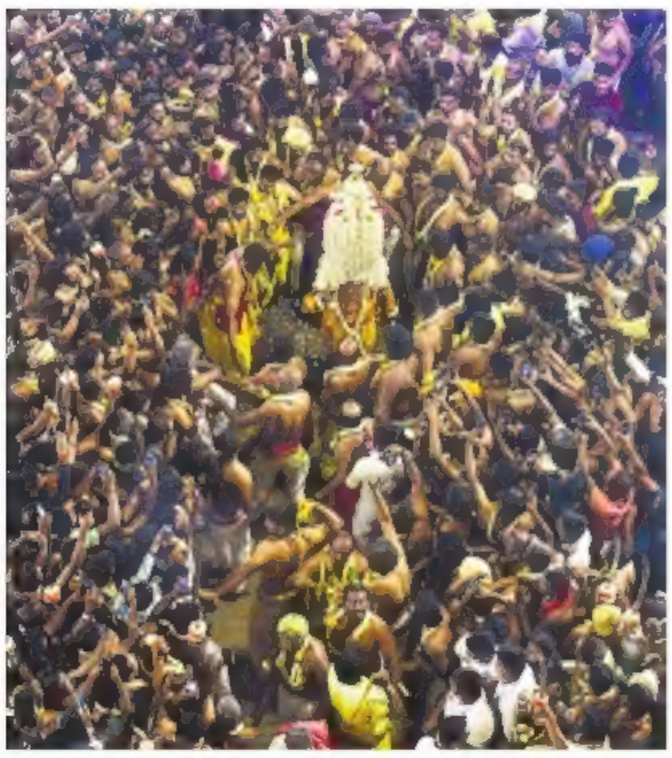


Sharif seeks meaningful engagement with India

New Pak premier Shehbaz Sharif writes to his counterpart Narendra Modi, seeking peaceful, cooperative ties with India. Sharif called for peaceful resolution of disputes, including Kashmir. He was responding to Modi's letter, congratulating him on his election. Modi had sought peace and stability in the region free of terror.



FESTIVAL OF HARMONY

Devotees throng the Sri Dharmarayaswamy Temple to take part in the Karaga procession at Thigalara Pet in Bengaluru in the early hours of Sunday | SHRIRAM BR

MORE COMMUNAL FLASHPOINTS

Social media post triggers riots in Hubballi; 12 police personnel injured, 87 arrested

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

Twelve police personnel were injured and seven police vehicles were damaged after thousands of people, protesting over a social media post that hurt their religious sentiments, went berserk and attacked a police station on Saturday night. In all, 87 people have been arrested for the riots, and more are likely to be picked up. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 have been clamped across the city and additional police forces have been deployed to prevent any further untoward incidents.

It was a scene of complete chaos in this commercial hub late on Saturday night as crowds ran through the streets in the dead of the night attacking policemen, private property and public vehicles.

The trigger was the derogatory post by Abhishek Hiremath (24), on his social media account. Members of a community filed a complaint and immediately, the police arrested Abhishek from his residence at Anand Nagar and brought him to the Old Hubballi police station. Soon, a large crowd gathered at the police station, demanding that the police hand over the accused to them.

The police tried to pacify the crowd saying the law will take its course, but the protesters went berserk, throwing stones at the police station and their vehicles. They turned off the high-mast streetlight, adding to the chaos.

They also targeted a religious place and a hospital located near the police station. The crowd divided itself and started attacking the police from different directions. The policemen fired nine times in the air, lobbed teargas shells and fired rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

Hubballi Police Commissioner Labhu Ram said, "We are also investigating how such a large number of stones were collected during the protest. More arrests are likely. We are also getting reports of private vehicles being damaged and public being injured." CONTINUED ON P4

85 arrested following clashes in Kurnool

as many as 85 people were arrested following clashes when a Shobha Yatra was being taken out at Holagunda village in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district late on Saturday. When the procession was passing by a place of worship, some miscreants pelted stones, injuring five persons. "An inquiry has been initiated and people from both the sides booked," said SP Ch Sudheer Kumar Reddy P5

A damaged police vehicle after riots broke out in Old Hubballi late on Saturday night | EXPRESS

"Let us not give a political colour to Hubballi violence. We must look at it as a law and order issue. No one should dare to take law into their hands and the state government will not tolerate such incidents -Basavaraj Bommai, CM

20 held for Delhi riots, 2 remanded in police custody

VATSALA SHRANGI @ New Delhi

TWENTY people have been arrested on charges of rioting following communal clashes that broke out in Delhi's Jahangirpuri the previous evening, the police said on Sunday, adding they are probing if the attack was pre-planned.

A local court remanded two men, Mohd Aslam and Mohd Ansar, alleged to be the prime accused, to one-day police custody while 12 others were sent to judicial custody.

According to a senior police officer, over 100 CCTV footage clips of the clashes have been collated and around 50 miscreants identified so far. "During initial investigation it has been found that the main conspirator has previously been arrested on charges of gambling and assault. At least eight others have some criminal background," the officer said. DCP (northwest) Usha Rangnani said, "Three firearms and five swords have been recovered from the possession of the accused persons." Others mentioned in the FIR include Suraj (21), Neeraj (19) and two juveniles.

"The Shobha Yatra was being carried out peacefully to mark Hanuman Jayanti, but at around 6 pm, when the procession reached outside a mosque in C-block, a man, identified as Mohd Ansar along with his four-five associates suddenly came up and started arguing with the people involved in Yatra. The argument escalated and stone-pelting started from both the sides giving rise to a stampede-like situation," the FIR stated.

Big FinMin shakeup likely as Seth takes ill

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

THE government of India is reportedly looking for a new Secretary for the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in the finance ministry.

Ajay Seth, the 1987-batch Karnataka cadre IAS officer who currently holds this charge, has reportedly been diagnosed with a serious illness and is undergoing treatment. The government has given temporary charge of the DEA to Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj till the end of this month.

Sources, however, said Seth is not likely to be back in office by April 30. The government has, therefore, started looking for a full-time Secretary, DEA. Bajaj, who holds the temporary charge is a strong contender for the post. He had held this post before being replaced.

Ajay Seth

Highly placed sources said Seth is admitted in a top hospital in Delhi. Seth's absence would lead to a big shakeup in the finance ministry since there is a long list of hopefuls for the two top posts.

According to sources, if Bajaj is confirmed as the new DEA Secretary, Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary in the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, may be given the post of Revenue Secretary.

EXPRESS READ

Trainer aircraft overturns at Jakkur

Bengaluru: A training aircraft overturned while landing as the pilot reportedly tried to avoid a dog on the path at Jakkur Aerodrome here on Sunday. One person sustained injuries, while another escaped with unhurt, a police official said. The aircraft, a Cessna-185, veered off the runway and landed beside it, sources added. The incident occurred around 5.45 pm. P3

Congress divided over Kishor's role in the party

New Delhi: With election strategist Prashant Kishor almost certain to join the Congress, the party is vertically divided over his role. A faction is staunchly opposed to handing him the role of key strategist. "How can one fine day a decision be taken to hand over a 135-year-old organisation to a poll strategist," a former minister asked | P7

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Taluka Level Health Mela

18th - 22nd April, 2022

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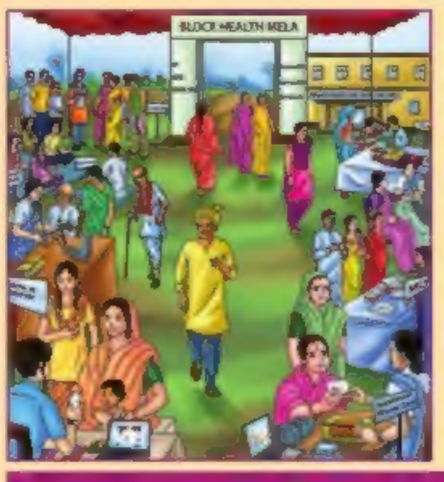

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Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar receiving India Today Healthgiri Award from Hon'ble Union Health Minister.

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